

John Weststeyn Cattle & Falloncrest Farms

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

February 26, 2016

John Tinger
US EPA (ENF3-1)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Response to January 13, 2016 Correspondence

Dear Mr. Tinger,

On January 13, 2016, you sent a letter and report relating to a September 28, 2015 inspection you conducted on John Weststeyn Cattle and Falloncrest Farms. **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** In that letter, you noted three "areas of concern" that you identified during the inspection. This letter is intended to respond to those three areas of concern.

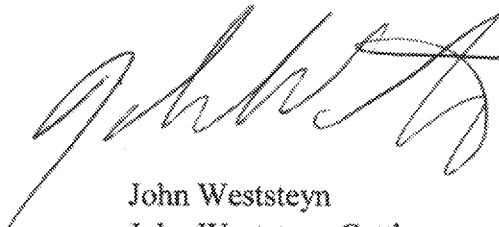
First, your letter states that "a broken water line was observed draining into the wastewater lagoon." We have addressed that issue by replacing the leaking hose and ensuring that the area is regularly monitored for any future leaks. A photo of the area is attached.

Second, your letter states that "ponds appeared to contain excess accumulated sediment and were not maintained to contain the design volume of the EWMP." We have worked to clean the excess accumulated sediment from the ponds and made tremendous progress prior to the start of the wet season. A photo is attached. Further, additional cleaning efforts will resume once we are beyond the current wet season and are able to get equipment in place to continue improvement.

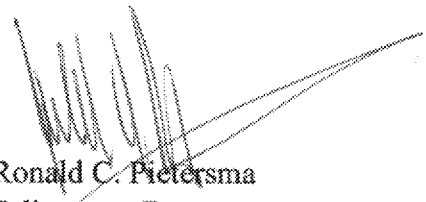
Finally, your letter references "improper chemical storage, improper storage of used oil, evidence of oil leaks, improper storage of a battery and general lack of housekeeping." The maintenance area in question has been cleaned and proper protocols have been established to ensure that the area does not create any potential to discharge either to a stormwater drain or any other outlet. A photo is attached.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond and hope these responses are adequate to address your concerns. If you or the Santa Ana RWQCB have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,



John Weststeyn
John Weststeyn Cattle



Ronald C. Pietersma
Falloncrest Farms

Photo #1



Note: The formerly-leaking hose was not being used, so it was disposed of and the line was capped.

Photo #2



Note: As Mr. Ed Kashak, who has visited the site since the September 28, 2015 EPA inspection, can attest to, a significant portion of the excess accumulated sediment was removed from the ponds prior to the start of the wet season.

Photo #3 & #4



Note: The maintenance area has been cleaned up and no potential for discharge of any materials exists. Further, there was reference to a "stained soil" in the inspection report. That area was cleaned and it should be noted that the foundation of that area is paved asphalt.